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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, SPEECH BY MANSOUR KHALID TO PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY HERE MAY 11 WAS MAJOR DEFINITION SUDAN FOREIGN
POLICY. HOWEVER, IT WAS INCOMPLETE. HE SAID VIRTUALLY
NOTHING ABOUT SAUDI ROLE OR THAT OF MAJOR ARAB DONOR
COUNTRIES WHICH TOGETHER ARE PROVIDING FINANCIAL WHERE-

WITHALL FOR SUDAN TO PURSUE AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. SIMILARLY, HE SAID NOTHIN ABOUT NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND SUDAN, WHICH WE KNOW FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS OF NIMEIRI AND OTHERS IS IMPORTANT TO SUDANGOV.

2. BELIEVE KHALID'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WAS TO EXPLAIN TO SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AND QUESTIONING PUBLIC DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA, AND PARTICULARLY TO EXPLAIN CURRENT LOW STATE SUDAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. FYI -- WHILE HE WAS DELIVERING SPEECH SEVERAL THOUSAND SUDANESE YOUTH WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST SOVIET EMBASSY (KHARTOUM 1625 NOTAL). END FYI. KHALID DEFINED BASIC PRINCIPLES UNDERLINING COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY (REFTEL PARA 2) AND SHOWED HOW LIBYA, ETHIOPIA AND USSR HAD VIOLATED THESE FUNDAMENTAL PREMISES. DIFFICULT FOR OBJECTIVE LISTNER NOT TO BE PERSUADED BY KHALID'S LOGIC, AND MEMBERS PARLIAMENT SEEMED GENUINELY TO AGREE FULLY WITH HIS PRESENTATION.

3. AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO EXPLANATION NOTED ABOVE, KHALID REAFFIRMED STRONGLY SUDAN'S GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY. BELIEVE THIS WAS MEANT PARTICULARLY TO ASSURE CHAD, CAE AND UGANDA THAT SUDAN WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THEM DESPITE OCCASIONAL COMPLAINTS OR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN RE LIBYAN-INSPIRED ANTI-SUDAN ACTIVITIES IN THESE COUNTRIES. LIKewise KHALID EMPHASIZED CURRENT STRAINED RELATIONS WITH USSR DID NOT RPT NOT DILUTE SUDAN'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. BELIEVE THIS PRIMARY REASON WHY HE DID NOT DWELL ON CURRENT GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. HE STRESSED THAT SUDAN

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WAS NO ONE'S PUPPET AND, IN CRITICIZING SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA, HE REFERRED TO QUOTE SUPERPOWERS UNQUOTE, THEREBY GENERALIZING HIS CRITICISM.

4. KHALID PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RED SEA SECURITY. HIS SPEECH IS BEST EXPLANATION GIVEN SO FAR OF REASONS WHY SUDANGOV BELIEVES RED SEA SECURITY ISSUE SO IMPORTANT. AGAIN HE WAS PERSUASIVE IN DEFINING SUDAN'S VITAL INTERESTS AND IN REMINDING LISTENERS, WHICH INCLUDED DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHO HAD BEEN INVITED ATTEND SPEECH, OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF RED SEA SECURITY (E.G. TANKER ROUTES, LINK BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN AND INDIAN OCEAN). HIS REMARKS RE ISRAEL WERE INTERESTING, IF NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR. HE ALLEGED ISRAELI/ETHIOPIAN COLLUSION AGAINST ARABS IN RED SEA. YET HE STATED SUDANGOV WANTS QUOTE AN OPEN SEA FOR PEACEFUL UTILIZATION FOR ALL NATIONS UNQUOTE. HE DID STRESS THAT RED SEA SHOULD BE KEPT FREE OF FOREIGN BASES AND NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT.

5. IN REVIEWING FONMIN'S SPEECH, WE DO NOT RPT NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO HIS FAILURE EMPHASIZE RELATIONS WITH US. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN SUDANESE DESIRE FOR WARM AND WIDE-RANGING RELATIONS WITH US. HOWEVER, IT REVEALS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER, AT LEAST, STILL BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO PUBLICLY ESPOUSE NON-ALIGNMENT. MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR US, WE BELIEVE, IS WHETHER SUDAN VIEWS ARE SHARED WIDELY BY EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT RED SEA, SINCE, AS FONMIN SAID, IT IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY. IT POSSIBLE RED SEA POLICIES OF THESE COUNTRIES COULD, AT ONE POINT, HAVE LAW OF SEA IMPLICATIONS FOR US AS WELL AS OTHER MARITIME STATES. BOGOSIAN

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